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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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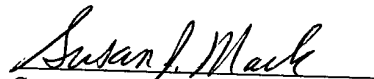
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EP 842 657, EP 0 213 303, US 5,849 884 and US 5,789,213 were disclosed in the International Search Report and the Form PTO 1449 filed on December 21, 2001. Copies of these documents and the Search Report are enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

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